

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

### **Members Present**

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda  
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny  
Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Doheny and Fontana, and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **Public Comments Relative to the Agenda**

Ann Roucco, Ansonia Drive, commented with regard to the Special Town Meeting coming up in September and the \$200,000 surplus in the Board of Ed fund and feels that it should be going into the Town general fund. If money is being put aside for a capital expenditure a special town meeting would need to be called. Mr. Freda responded that we have a \$1.5 million dollar surplus which brings the fund balance to 10.1% from 8%. He has committed to the public that he will keep the fund balance at 8% because that is what was recommended by the auditors and feels it is good for our bond agencies and levels of state aid in the future. Therefore, he will appropriate through a town meeting, the expenditures of \$1.5 million to be applied to next years budget. This money represents over a half mill, and would minimize the tax burden in the future. Mr. Freda clarified that the \$200,000 is a surplus from the Board of Ed and by putting the money aside, it can be used for future capital expenditures, voted by the taxpayers. Mr. Doheny noted that the special funds are part of the general fund, it is visible, but we are not going to spend it unless we go to a town meeting.

Mr. Gary Amato, Pool Road, stated that he could not make it to the Board of Finance Meeting and would like to know if they could be moved to the Library to make them more accessible to residents.

He also asked if Harbor Health was put out to bid. Mr. Freda replied yes, and Harbor Health was the only bid submission.

Mr. Amato commented that Mr. Freda should include the content of his Selectman's Overview PowerPoint presentation on the agenda so that people checking the agenda before the meeting have the option of attending the meeting to discuss a topic. Mr. Freda explained that the PowerPoint presentations are updates on the previous 30 days of activity. He wants to keep the public informed on what is going in the Town and has heard a lot of positive feedback.

Following the public comments, Mr. Freda proceeded with the approval of the minutes.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of August 5, 2010.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

## Selectman's Overview:

### Budget Update

- Surplus on the town side is \$1.5M
- Surplus on the Board of Ed side is \$200K
- Money will be used for capitol expenditures in the next fiscal year to minimize the tax burden for our citizens next year

### Operational Update

- Fuel savings as a result of bid
  - Old price for gasoline- \$2.55
  - New Price after bid- \$1.99
  - Savings per gallon- .56 cents = \$35,280
  - Old price for diesel fuel- \$2.60
  - New price for diesel fuel- \$2.19
  - Savings per gallon= .41 cents
  - Total savings on diesel= \$22,550
  - Total fuel cost savings:\$57,830
- Todd Drive phase 1 completed and now we are moving into phase 1B
- On July 15<sup>th</sup> a bid was conducted and CATCO won the bid at \$153K
- This is less than the \$188K that was projected and \$150K less than the highest bid
- Phase 1B is scheduled to begin in late September and will conclude in November
  - Phase 2 permitting was delivered to state agencies on September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Pipe Jacking alternative to be used
  - Work will start in the spring
- Public Works garage is 75% complete and is fully funded through a grant
  - Full completion will be by the end of October
- Universal Drive- we will advertise bids in late September with a bid opening in early October with a start date in October
- Energy efficiency grant that we previously reported has funded:
  - 1) solar scoreboard at Bailey Field
  - 2) traffic signals at 14 different intersections in town
  - 3) 600 Free Home energy audits in conjunction with the UI
- UI Helps Program
  - We will be working with the UI to assist our residents who are currently on fuel assistance or qualify for local tax credit relief to be eligible for a free home energy audit
- This free audit can deliver up to \$800 in free upgrades in terms:
  - 1) energy efficient bulbs
  - 2) attic insulation
  - 3) window caulking
  - 4) air conditioning unit tune up
  - 5) possible refrigerator upgrade
  - 6) review of all appliances
- Electronic Recycling
  - DEP required effective June 1<sup>st</sup> that the Town is mandated to recycle all electronics and can no longer dispose of them
  - We worked a "no cost" agreement with WeCycle to collect all electronic devices at our recycling center which will reduce our cost of waste disposal at the Wallingford facility
- Montowese enhancement project completed this week which included:
  - 1) installation of 2 new sidewalks
  - 2) installation of 2 new bus shelters

- All of this is designed to enhance the access into Peters Rock for our residents
- Police Dog Update
  - Special thanks to the Police Department and Chief DiCarlo
  - Our new K-9 unit and new German Shepherd will be working with officer Jim Brennan
  - Will be a valuable tool to help:
    - Deter Crime
    - Locate missing persons
    - Apprehending criminals
    - Detecting narcotics
    - Making our community safer
    - Tie into our Substance Abuse Awareness Council
- Substance Abuse Prevention Council
  - Mission Statement: North Haven's Substance Abuse Prevention Council's mission is to lead the community in the development of a strategic approach focused on awareness, education, and communication, thereby reducing the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse and related problems in our town.
  - The Council is represented by many individuals from the Town of North Haven and the community. Including myself as First Selectman, our Police Chief and members of the Department, Fire Chief, Community Services, Board of Education, Clergy, Youth, Local Businesses, Parents and Concerned Citizens.
  - We are working hard to raise awareness in our community
    - Hosted Several Forums
    - Pill Return last April (collected over 2,586 units of controlled substances) next event scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the High School
    - Distributing information at various events throughout our Town, festivals and sporting events.
    - Presence at our School Open Houses
    - Courage to Speak : The SAPC is hosting a presentation at the High School on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> given by Ginger Katz from the Courage to Speak Foundation.
      - Open to all – the information is on our Town Website – (flyers on the table)
      - Followed up with a four week workshop on awareness, education and prevention Tuesdays in October.
    - Our Parent Education and Prevention Committee is looking for volunteers to join. Anyone interested can contact Valerie in the Selectman's office for more information.
- Economic Development
  - Here are the priorities right now:
    - Northern Washington Avenue
    - 297 State Street the Old Quebecor Building
    - 222 McDermott Rd
    - Sackett Point Road
    - Valley Service Road

## **Correspondence – none**

## **Old Business –**

- Boards and Commissions – Ray Fowler's suggestions:  
Mr. Freda noted that Mr. Fowler had provided the Board with several suggestions relative

to the Boards and Commissions and appointments, re-appointments and dismissal. The first item discussed was the re-appointment of board members using a secret ballot method. Mr. Doheny stated that he was somewhat uncomfortable with the secret ballot and would rather have the Chairman of the particular board contact the First Selectman to discuss any problems with reappointment. Mr. Fontana agreed that the secret ballot goes against the collaborative nature of the board and sets up a contentious situation. He also questions the legality of it. The dismissal for cause or for lack of participation was discussed. It was noted that there does not appear to be anything in the charter that refers to a participation requirement. Mr. Fowler stated that he feels it is the board members who know best the conduct of their fellow board members. He has been a board member for over three years on the Library Board and stated that there are others on the board who have never been to a board meeting. Mr. Fowler felt strongly that the evaluation of board members by more than just one person is important. He also feels that there should be a required attendance. Mr. Doheny suggested notifying the chairman when a board member's term is ready to expire and have the Chairman send out a memo to the fellow board members notifying them and if they have any feedback they can contact the Chairman, or the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Freda concurred and noted that this will be a work in progress that will need to be figured out.

Mr. Doheny went on to discuss the suggestion of termination for cause. Mr. Doheny had concerns about who gets to decide who is and isn't a good board member. He also noted that he feels people's standards are different. He feels if a member has not been actively participating, if they are approached by the Chairman, they will usually resign on their own. Although this may not always be the case, he doesn't know what the exact methodology would be to remove a board member and how that may conflict with the Charter. Mr. Fontana feels that since absenteeism is probably the bigger issue, it would be a good idea for the First Selectman to send a letter to the members of boards and commissions stating that members should make a good faith effort, and that if you accept the appointment there is an expectation on behalf of the Town that you would attend regular meetings. He also agrees that it is relevant for a Chairman to communicate with the First Selectman regarding a member's absenteeism. He also noted that we do not have a surplus of individuals available to serve, and sometimes people do the best they can. If there is someone who misses more than the occasional meeting, he feels it would be appropriate for the Selectman to ask that member to step down. Mr. Freda stated that this issue will not be solved tonight. It will take some time to continue to work it out. Mr. Fowler stated that what this shows is that we need to have some kind of policy or Charter revision about how you are appointed, reappointed and if necessary how you are removed for cause. Mr. Fontana stated that he and Mr. Doheny both feel that new appointments should be required to have a letter of intent and a resume. As far as reappointment, there should be a written letter of intent.

Mr. Doheny stated that regarding Mr. Fowler's suggestion regarding the awards of recognition for service that the Selectman's office has given occasional awards in the past for individuals. He thinks it is a good idea, and thinks that perhaps one award would be appropriate. He also volunteered to work to put some structure around it, like creating a nomination form, and perhaps having one or two awards per year. Mr. Fontana agreed that it was a good idea and would like to have one award and have nomination forms and have it come from the Selectman's office. Mr. Freda agreed that it was a good idea and he likes it very much. They will work on the specificity. Mr. Fowler feels that there needs to be various award levels or the award loses its value. He also stated that he has submitted the idea of having a committee, and was that rejected. The board all agreed that they were amenable to a committee. Mr. Freda stated that Mr. Fowler's ideas and suggestions are good ones, and we will work to follow through on them.

- Boy Scouts: Mr. Freda stated that he wanted to follow up on Mrs. Catillia's suggestion that we recognize the Boy Scouts who attended the national Jamboree. He noted that we have set a date of October 1<sup>st</sup> for the boys to come to the Town Hall to be honored.
- Harbor Health – Mr. Freda stated that this did go out to bid and there were no other bids. We have received three separate letters of recommendation encouraging us to go forward with Harbor Health. Mr. Doheny stated that he is in favor of trying to generate a little more revenue for the department and get the licensure by using Harbor Health. He is confident in their abilities. Mr. Freda stated that he had a meeting with the counselors and Harbor Health and they were satisfied. Mr. Fontana asked if the counselors of the Town will become employees of Harbor Health. Mr. Freda explained they would remain employees of the Town. Mr. Fontana said he is familiar with Harbor Health and their fine reputation. Mr. Freda recapped by saying the cost of \$100,000 will be offset by the generated revenue. He anticipates that this will bring revenue to cost ratio from 25% to about 47%. This would be a one year contract.

Mr. Doheny motioned to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a one year contract with Harbor Health as discussed during the previous meeting and this meeting.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

### **Resolutions:**

Mr. Doheny read the following resolution:

A.) **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, be, and hereby Authorized to sign the agreement entitled:

“Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of North Haven for the Construction Inspection and Maintenance of Pavement Resurfacing on Universal Drive utilizing Federal Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 Public Law 111-5 (hereinafter “Act”).

Mr. Doheny moved to accept the resolution as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana read the following resolution:

B.) **BE IT RESOLVED**; That the Board of Selectmen hereby approves the submittal by the First Selectman of a Municipal Application to the Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority for a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Grant for 222 McDermott Road on behalf of Haven West LLC subject to the following conditions:

1. Any and all fees, costs and expenses associated with the grant application be borne by the developer;
2. The grant request shall not exceed \$500,000;
3. The Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority Grant Application must be completed to the satisfaction of the First Selectman and the Town Attorney.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: If required by law, a Resolution (to be prepared and drafted by the attorney for the Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority in conformity with the Resolution and approved by the Town Attorney and First Selectman) shall be added to the agenda of a meeting of the Town Meeting following the preparation and drafting of such Resolution.

Following the discussion below, Mr. Doheny moved to accept the resolution as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda explained that on 222 McDermott Rd. there is a building that has been vacant for a number of years; the former New England Die Cast Company. Mr. Freda went on to say that he believes that tax incremental funding should be used by the Town as a tool to be a catalyst for economic development. Current assessed value on this property is about \$475,000. It is projected that after the building is back up and running the assessed value will be over \$2.3 million dollars. He anticipates another \$300,000 in infrastructure. The Town over a 15 year period will derive an incremental \$192,000 in additional taxes. There will also be job creation and revitalization of a blighted building.

Mr. Mike Brandi, an attorney with the law firm of Cohen and Acampora in East Haven, counselors for Haven West, LLC; the owners of the property stated that it is a heavily contaminated building. He explained that they are taking advantage of the Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment programs designed for buildings such as this. This program will allow us to move forward with remediation, putting a new tenant in the building, job creation and generate new tax revenue for the Town.

Jeff Kravet, the real estate agent for the property spoke of how important this program is to economic development. Without this program, although many people have been interested in the property, and others like it, he can never proceed very far with the problems associated with the remediation. He commends the Town for their participation.

Ms. Lynn Weed, another realtor involved with the project also spoke of the problems trying to put tenants into some of the properties that need remediation. She knows that there are many people interested in doing business in North Haven. She is grateful to the Town.

Mr. Doheny asked for the math. Mr. Brandi noted that it is a 15 year pay back program. Estimated cost of remediation is over \$700,000. The grant is for \$500,000 and the developers are putting in \$200,000. The State issues the grant to the developer, the pay back comes from the increase in the taxes to the Town which is contributed back to the State for the repayment of the grant. We give back 50% of the incremental increase, excluding the personal property tax. A discussion continued between Mr. Doheny, Mr. Freda and Mr. Brandi regarding the tax revenue and appraised value of the property.

### **Resignations/Appointments –**

- Reappointment of (D) Mary S. Mahon, 91 Shawmut Avenue, to the Conservation Commission for a four (4) year term to expire 8/31/2014. Mr. Fontana noted that he believes Ms. Mahon has moved to 130 Ezra Street from Shawmut Avenue. Mr. Doheny noted that Valerie would verify the correct address.

Mr. Fontana moved the appointment.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Appointment of (R) Bryan P. Bogen, 54 Jennifer Drive, to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy of Suzanne G. Donofrio, term to expire 12/01/13.

Mr. Freda discussed Mr. Bogen's resume and credentials. Mr. Bogen addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity.

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Appointment of (D) Carolyn Dumont, 176 Ridgewood Avenue, to the Clean Energy Task Force.

Mr. Fontana moved the appointment.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Resignation of (R) Richard Werner, 15 Elliot Court, as Registrar of Voters, effective September 13, 2010.

Mr. Doheny moved the resignation.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Appointment of (R) Laurie Brangi, 70 Bailey Road, as Registrar of Voters, effective September 13, 2010, term to expire January 3, 2011.

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

### **Bond Releases / Reductions – none**

### **Property Tax Refunds –**

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the property tax refunds as presented below.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Battle, Louis or Karen, 5 Country Way, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$44.66.
- Biller, Jacqueline, 19 Mt. Brook Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$172.19.
- Blake Companies, 100 Upper State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$182.08.
- Carson, John S, 11 St. John Street B3, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$72.65.
- Chapman, David L, 65 Masonic Avenue, Apt. 108, Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount of \$15.21.
- DCFS, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$81.34.
- Dimartino, Joseph A III, 10 Papa Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$36.00
- Field, Richard or Baier Lesley, 46 Mountain View Terrace, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$38.74.
- Flaum, Naomi L, 6 Haven Way, Ashland, MA 01721, in the amount of \$97.00.
- Gazzillo, Michael, 32 Greenfield Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$37.67.
- Gillo, Robert A, 24 Potter Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$114.54.
- GMAC, 9401 James Avenue South, Ste. 14, Bloomington, MN 55431, in the amount of \$165.15, and in the amount of \$150.93, and in the amount of \$248.24, and in the amount of \$103.91, and in the amount of \$177.37, and in the amount of \$ 97.02.
- HB Group Inc., 60 Dodge Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$28.69.
- Hoffman, John, 9 Mountain Brook Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$15.92.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$93.12, and in the amount of \$ 78.54.
- Hydro Air Inc, 243 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$25.97.
- Julianelle, William R Jr, 3330 Dixwell Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$21.94.
- Kanakis, Angelos, 765 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$62.90, and in the amount of \$ 87.18, and in the amount of \$ 87.12.
- Liu, Tze L, 1298 Hartford Tpke 8 A, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$31.00.
- McPherson, Mildred C, 55 Pool Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$16.75.
- Nicolelli, Martin L, 35 Coach Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$24.48.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$102.89, and

in the amount of \$ 90.24.

- Patel, Ckhanshyam (Green Acres Package), 1880 Hartford Tpke, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$604.14.
- Pfister Joseph or Judith, 250 Millbrook Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$20.15.
- Powell, Alger F or Powell, Dorothy B, 13 Lincoln Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$2.75.
- Powers, Thomas J, 840 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$78.72.
- Sami, Farhana R, 24 King Arthur Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$23.35.
- Shah, Sejal D, 396 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$31.31.
- Tantorski, Edward P, 77 Randall Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$10.69.
- Tripp, Gordon C, 388 Quinnipiac Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$26.96.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Mr. Fontana addressed a topic that was brought up at the previous meeting regarding Adverse Possession – the question of whether or not someone could acquire a portion of Town property by using it for a length of time. He did some research and brought copies of his findings. The result is that you can not claim it or gain ownership of it.

Mr. Freda stated that in accordance with Connecticut State Statue 7-347, 7-348 there will be a Town meeting on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Freda noted that because it is premature to have the formal “call” this evening he would like to ask both Mr. Doheny and Fontana to attend a special Board of Selectmen’s Meeting on Friday at September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am which would be specifically to call the Town Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be four items on the Town Meeting agenda including, budget transfers, proposing a town ordinance on wood burning furnaces, voting on the acceptance of a new road, and presentation on revising the flood prevention ordinance per FEMA.

#### **Public Comment –**

A resident asked if a list has been compiled of the North Haven properties available for sale. Mr. Freda responded yes, some are un-sellable, and the list is available through the Public Works Department.

Florence Sinow, Maple Avenue, she is pleased with the board asking for résumé’s from people interested in participating on boards and commissions.

Joan Mazurek, Cloudland Road, discussed an article in the New Haven Register regarding the dumping of contaminated materials and hazardous waste from Hamden property which was taken to the Tire Pond on State Street. She is very concerned since this Tire Pond is partially owned by North Haven and those chemicals will leach into the soil and waterways. Mr. Freda stated that he will check into it. A discussion continued with Mr. Fontana, Ms. Mazurek and Ms. Sadosky, Director of Public Works. Ms. Sadosky stated that it is a very complex project and she will call the State DEP and get additional information on the subject.

Mr. Paul Motyl, Pine River Road, thanked Mr. Freda, Lynn, Victor and Public Works for their efforts to pull two large trees out of the Muddy River. He was appreciative of their good work



and also noted that he would like to see Mr. Freda acknowledge the two men from the department. Mr. Freda agreed. Mr. Freda stated that it is one of his goals to get some funding for a hazard mitigation study which would precipitate an analysis of the Muddy River. He would like to work together with the DEP to work on the problems caused by the Muddy River for many residents.

Mr. Jim Leahy, Regency Drive, asked where we were with his suggestion to have email links on the Town website. Mr. Freda stated that he had a meeting with IT this week and they are working on it, as well as including names of the Board and Commission members. Mr. Leahy mentioned his frustration with the traffic problems regarding enforcing speeding laws and cell phone use while driving. Mr. Freda noted that he met with the Police Chief on this very issue. Both the Police and Fire Chiefs told Mr. Freda that there have been more accidents this summer than in recent history. Mr. Freda stated that they are moving the radar around and working with Public Works to trim bushes and trees along site lines near speed limit signs. On Spring Road we have qualified for \$25,000 in State funding and we will be doing a traffic study there. Mr. Freda stated it is one of the worst traffic areas in North Haven. The police are stepping up their patrol.

Mr. Leahy said that several months ago he brought up the idea of looking into pension and benefit programs for certain employees in Town, one of which is payment for unused sick and vacation time and he would like to know where we stand on this with regard to non union personnel. Mr. Freda stated that we are focused on the collective bargaining process right now, and when we look at non union personnel, there are only five people. The real issue is through the collective bargaining process and they are addressing pensions for new employees coming in and health insurance costs.

Mr. Leahy asked if we will know which departments did not meet their budget goals and why? Mr. Freda stated that he believes it will be presented at the Town meeting.

Mr. Leahy noted that he feels there is a good website, The North Haven Way, which has very good discussions.

Ann Roucco, Ansonia Drive, asked if Harbor Health is associated with the State and who will have authority to make decisions or have the last say. Mr. Freda explained that when they met with the counselors and Harbor Health, they created a collaborative environment moving forward for the future. There will be some changes, primarily with the billing, but if there is anything that can't be decided, Ed Swinkoski will make the final decision. Ms. Roucco asked if we would be taking in clients from other towns. Mr. Freda responded yes. Tony Corniello, responded by providing a back ground on Harbor Health and stated that people who receive services from outside North Haven will be fee for service, and they will be providing an expanded level of services.

Ms. Roucco asked if residents whose property abuts Town property that will be going up for sale, will they be notified. Mr. Freda responded yes and discussed the process and benefits further.

Ms. Roucco asked if regarding the Brownfields is there a provision that incoming tenants will not further contaminate the property. Mr. Freda responded yes.

Mr. Gary Amato, Pool Road, asked if Mr. Freda found out what the difference was between a small piece of property and a big one; is there a difference. Mr. Freda said that they do have that information, but not at the meeting. Mr. Freda stated that the size of the property will determine if the abutting property owners would be notified. Mr. Freda stated that all

properties would go through the Town meeting, but Planning and Zoning may need to be involved. He will research it further for Mr. Amato.

Mr. Amato, asked about the boilers and Mr. Freda clarified that the \$41,000 is an annualized estimate moving forward to maintain the boilers until we work through the potential litigation.

Mr. Amato asked if the library roof was still leaking. Mr. Freda responded that when he took office he found that the roof was still leaking and the estimate to repair it was \$25,000. He worked with our Public Works Department and Board of Ed and did the repairs ourselves at a cost of supplies only for approximately \$4,000, saving the Town approximately \$21,000.

Mr. Amato asked about the Building Inspector's Audit and if it was completed. Mr. Freda responded no, not yet. Mr. Amato expressed his frustration on the issue. A discussion continued on the subject with Mr. Freda stating that he is working within the strictest legal guidelines on this issue.

Mr. John Lambert, Trumbull Place, related his views on past meetings related to accusations made against his daughter regarding claims of alleged voting fraud. He detailed the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) findings that his daughter, has not been found guilty of any voter fraud or wrong doing. He thanked the Board for allowing him to use this same forum to clear his daughter's name.

Pamela Parella, Trumbull Place, expressed her frustration and disgust with the personal attack against her family fueled by anger and hate. She would like to see this kind of behavior stopped.

Mr. Amato noted that it was just an election's complaint and he is glad it worked out. He does feel that North Haven is back to closed government and corruption.

Mr. Michael Mele, Maple Avenue, related his perspective on the tax situation dating back to 2001 and the government's lack of responsibility to the present time. He discussed at length his views on this year's budget process, the insurances, the rebate and the un-appropriated surplus. Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny addressed Mr. Mele's comments.

Mr. Freda concluded that he is trying to move the Town forward, and is working collaboratively with Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana. There is a component in Town that is trying to move the Town backwards and polarize the Town. He stated as First Selectman he has an obligation to protect the residents and do what is right for them regardless of whether they are republicans, unaffiliated, or democrats. He will hold anyone accountable who attempts to undermine the Town. He is trying to galvanize into one homogenous community.

Mr. Freda asked for additional questions, and seeing none and hearing none motioned to adjourn at 9:40 pm.